

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for *in vitro* transcription of mRNA and/or translation of polypeptides, the method comprising:

synthesizing said mRNA and/or polypeptides in a transcription and/or translation reaction mix substantially free of polyethylene glycol, comprising:

an extract from ~~bacterial~~ *E. coli* cells comprising membrane vesicles containing respiratory chain components; components of polypeptide and/or mRNA synthesis machinery; a template for transcription of said mRNA and/or translation of said polypeptide; monomers for synthesis of said mRNA and/or polypeptides; and co-factors, enzymes and other reagents necessary for said transcription and/or translation;

magnesium at a concentration of from about 5 mM to about 20 mM;

wherein oxidative phosphorylation, which is sensitive to electron transport chain inhibitors, is activated in said reaction mix.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein transcription of mRNA and/or translation of polypeptides is at least two fold higher than synthesis in the absence of said oxidative phosphorylation.

5. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein transcription of mRNA and/or translation of polypeptides is at least three fold higher than synthesis in the absence of said oxidative phosphorylation.

6. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein said transcription of mRNA and/or translation of polypeptides is performed as a batch reaction.

7. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said transcription of mRNA and/or translation of polypeptides is performed as a continuous reaction.

8-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method for *in vitro* transcription of mRNA and/or translation of polypeptides, the method comprising:

synthesizing said mRNA and/or polypeptides in a transcription and/or translation reaction mix substantially free of polyethylene glycol, comprising:

an extract from bacterial *E. coli* cells grown in glucose and phosphate containing medium comprising components of polypeptide and/or mRNA synthesis machinery; a template for transcription of said mRNA and/or translation of said polypeptide; monomers for synthesis of said mRNA and/or polypeptides; and co-factors, enzymes and other reagents necessary for said transcription and/or translation;

magnesium at a concentration of from about 5 mM to about 20 mM;

at least one of spermine or spermidine at a concentration of at least about 1 mM;

wherein oxidative phosphorylation, which is sensitive to electron transport chain inhibitors, is activated in said reaction mix.

14- 22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) The method of Claim 13 wherein said synthesis is performed as a batch reaction.

24. (previously presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein said synthesis of polypeptides is performed as a continuous reaction.

25-29. (canceled)

30. (new) The method of Claim 13, wherein transcription of mRNA and/or translation of polypeptides is at least two fold higher than synthesis in the absence of said oxidative phosphorylation.

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31. (new) The method according to Claim 13, wherein transcription of mRNA and/or translation of polypeptides is at least three fold higher than synthesis in the absence of said oxidative phosphorylation.